

REMARKS

Under the Office Action, claims 1,2,4-7,9 and 12-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zemov, et al. (US 6,097,424) in view of Caimi, et al. (US 4,777,501). Pursuant to a discussion with the Examiner regarding the subject Action, the Examiner indicated that the claims would be considered allowable if the use of "sensitivity to infrared radiation" was further clarified to be in the context of imaging capability.

By way of this amendment, the claims have been minimally amended to address the Examiner's concerns with regard to his claim rejections under 35 USC § 103(a) to place the application in condition for allowance. More particularly, the Applicant herein amends the claims to more clearly convey and protect what the Applicant regards as his invention and generally in ways that preserve the Applicant's rights for full equivalency. Although the Applicant does not agree with the need for these changes, they are being made to accommodate the Examiner's comments and to advance the prosecution of this application to a speedy conclusion. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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